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Council Meet Tuesday Night

Masonic Hall Will Be Scene of First Meet

The necessary authorization for the City Council to meet and begin to function and the FIRST MEETING is to be held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening next, December 6t6h.

The Masonic Hall has been selected as the place for the first meeting owing to the fact that it has the largest seating capacity of any place in the city, and as it is the desire of the Council to have the residents of the community participate this arrangement has been made.

There has been a great deal said as to the ineligibility of one of the councilmen to serve and the Menlo Park Recorder has gone to quite a little trouble to ascertain what the lav has to say on this subject with the following result:

There is but one way now that one of the Councilmen can be declared ineligible to serve and that is through proceedings taken in the Superior Court. If the Court finds and declares that any one of the councilmen is disqualified the office is declared vacant and the remaining members of the Council fill the vacancy by appointment, which must be done within 30 days, otherwise an election must be called to fill the vacancy. There is no other way that this can be done.

It is further shown that any acts taken by said disqualified councilman or votes cast by him, before the court declares his office vacant, shall stand according to law and be valid at all times.

It is also pointed out in the law that in event of the disqualification one one of the members of the council by the court, that the remaining four members may name whomsoever they see fit, without regard to who was on the ballot and who was not.

There is an enormous amount of routine work as well as other duties that must be done and performed in connection with the building of the foundation of the new city government and the members of the City Council are very glad that they can now get to work on the task.

In interviews with the various men who will compose the City Council a representative of the Menlo Park Recorder finds that one and all are fair and open minded and that their sole aim and ambition is build a bigger and better Menlo Park, and that they do not intend to take any drastic action that will harm any one, all assured the Recorder that the city is to be run as economically as it is possible to be.

The Council should receive the support of every resident and taxpayer in the community. All differences of opinion should be left behind where they belong and every effort be put forth to assist rather than retard to work of the men chosen to look after the city's welfare.

Come out to the meeting and do your bit by being present.

SAN MATEO BRIDGE WORK WILL START SOON

Word comes from San Francisco that work will start soon on the 7½ mile toll bridge to be constructed between Little Coyote Point in San Mateo county to a point in Alameda county opposite Mt. Eden, according to an announcement made by M. M. Upson and R. M. McMeninor, officials of the Raymond Concrete Pile company, $20,000,000 corporation of New York. The two, arrived in San Francisco, prepared to make a formal announcement on Monday.

The bridge at Coyote point has been under consideration for many years and now it looks as if the construction of it were a nassured fact.

Mr .and Mrs. J. W. Pembroke had their thanksgiving dinner in San Francisco.

Fire Department Responds Promptly

A portion of the Alabama Chicken Shack located on the Highway, south of Ravenswood avenue, here was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning and it is entirely due to the efficient service rendered by the local fire department that any of the building was saved.

The alarm was sounded between 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning and the department was on the scene of the blaze in a few minutes. The fire started from an over heated gas store according to the findings of Chief Whitaker. Every burner on the stove was lighted and it is thought that a pot of grease on the stove boiled over and ignited. The damage of approximately $100 is not covered by insurance.

Jack Knowels, proprietor of the Shack was arrested by Chief Whitaker for disturbing the peace and was taken to Redwood City and lodged in the county jail by Mike Hara where he was booked for that offense.

As usual Fire Commissioner Merrill was present at the fire, overlooking the work of the department.

LOS LOMITAS P. T. A. TO HOLD BAZAAR AND SALE SAT. EVENING, DEC. 3d

Los Lomitas Parent Teacher Association will hold another of their famous bazaars and sales on Saturday (tomorrow) afternoon and evening. It goes without saying that the Los Lomitas school, where the bazaar is to be held, will the the center of attraction tomorrow, for those who desire good eats and high class entertainment.

During the afternoon and evening a sale of beautiful shrubs will be held and anyone can afford to beautify the premises on which they live at the low prices the plants will be offered.

A fine dinner will be served between 5 and 8 p. m. and those who arrive early will have plenty of time to eat their dinner and do quite a bit of Christmas shopping before the entertainment of the evening starts.

There will be an excellent line of material that will be suitable for gifts at the Christmas season and well as candy, cake ,etc., to ake home and the price, well "It's like giving it away."

A Mary Pickford movie entitled Through the Back Door, will be the feature of the evening's entertainment.

A telephone and a new heating and ventilating system has recently been installed in the school, which will add greatly to the comfort of those attending.

SUPERVISORS OBJECT TO CREEK FOR DUMP FOR CITY OF PALO ALTO

In a communication sent to the City of Palo Alto by the Supervisors o fSan Mateo County last Monday, that body seriously objected to the use of San Francisquito creek as a "dumping ground" by the Cityof Palo Alto. It appears that the dump complained of was at the Pope street bridge and the matter was referred to the board of public works by the neighboring city.

City Engineer Bixbee of Palo Alto explained that large blocks of concrete have been placed around the bridge piers to protect them against erosion.

A. E. Thomas and family had their their Thanksgiving dinner at Berkeley. Two children were left in Menlo Park. Next year, it is reported, Mr. Thomas intends to getthe Sequoia Hight School bus.

Ken Martin's daughter had a birthday party last Friday night. There were thirteen candles on the cake.

Charles Simons Takes Bride At Los Gatos

The rose room of the Hotel Lyndon at Los Gatos, was the scene of a pretty wedding last week Wednesday, when Miss Eleanor Ham became the bride of Charles Simons of Menlo Park.

The service was read before a group of friends and relatives with the Rev. H. K. Hamilton and the Rev. H. H. Wintler officiating. Miss Alice Andrews sang "The Song of Thanksgiving" by Frances Alliston The wedding march was played by Mrs. E. F. Colvin.

The bride wore a gown of white cut-velvet and a tulle veil. She carried a show bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. She was given awa yby her father. Miss Elizabeth Ham, sister of the bride was maid of honor. Her gown was pale yellow over pink and she carried pink roses. Charles Bradshaw was best man.

The room was decorated with yellow and pink chrysanthemums and ferns. An aisle, marked off with white ribbon and flowers, led from the door ot the improvised altar of chrysanthemums and fern. On either side of the altar were copper stands, filled with the flowers. After the ceremony, a dinner was served in the dining room where the tables were daintily arrayed with bouquets of English primroses and a beautiful corsage of pink roses awaited each lady. During the dinner, music was given by a trio consisting of two violins and a piano.

Mrs. Simons is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ham of Los Gatos. She is a graduate of the College of the Pacific where she was a member of Alpha Theta Tau. Mr. Simons is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Page Simons of Hollywood, formerly of Los Gatos. He attended Stanfor university and was a member of Theta Beta Pi. He is now manager of the Menlo Park Branch of the American Trust Company.

The happy young couple will make their future home in Menlo Park where the lucky groom is well known and liked for his kind and courteous treatment of all with whom he comes in contact.

All of Menlo Park joins in congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simons.

TRINITY GUILD GIVE BENEFIT BRIDGE THURSDAY

Trinity Church Guild held a benefit bridge in connection with the bazaar held yesterday afternoon and evening, the hostesses having charge of the affair being Mesdames DeLancey Lewis, John Dodge and Fletcher Hamilton. Among those having tables were Mesdames R. D. Girvin, Philip Wales, William Warren, E. C. La Montagne, DeLancy Lewis, C. A. Shurtleff, Perry Cumberson, George Dickson Clark, Peter Rossi, I. W. Pindar, E. J. Justice, A. C. Becker, Frank Buck and A. J. Gerrard.

TELEPHONE OFFICES TO CHANGE HOURS

In order to better accomodate the large number of commuters living on the peninsula, office hours of the business offices of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in this district, which are now open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. will be changed, commencing December 1, business opening at 8:30 a. m. and closing at 5:30 p. m, Manager John W. Worthington said today. Offices affected are located in Los Altos, La Honda, Palo Alto, Redwood City and San Carlos-Belmont.

J. J. Harcom was in San Francisco on business on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ariadne Kimball Passes To Her Reward

With the passing of Mrs. Ariadne Kimball last Wednesday, November 20th, at the ripe old age of 82 years, Menlo Park lost one of her best beloved residents.

Mrs. Kimball was forn on Kimball's Isle or Little Isle au Haute, Maine, in 1845, and came to San Francisco in 1861. She was a graduate of the first State Normal School in San Francisco, and had the honor of being a member of its first graduating class.

Mrs. Kimball' whose maiden name wa salso Kimball, before she married Hugh Ross Kimball taught for a number of years in the San Francisco Protestant Orphanage on Haight street and was most successful.

Most of her life Mrs Kimball lived in Forbestown, one of California's famous mining camps where her husband was superintendent of theditch.

She had three children, a son who was accidentally shot and killed, and two daughters, Minnie Ida and M. Emma Kimball, who survive her.

Mrs. Kimball, though suffering for a long time befort her death, was ever cheerful and saw nothing but the bright side of life. She always had a smile for those with whom she came in contact and was ever ready to extend a helping hand to those less fortunate that herself. She is mourned by a large circle of friends who will greatly miss her.

The funeral will be held this morning from the parlors of Roller & Hapgood, and interment will be at Cypress Lawn.

LOCAL P. T. A. BAZAAR REPORTED SUCCESSFUL

The bazaar and sale held by the Menlo Park P. T. A. last week was a success from every standpoint, and the members of the association wish to thank the merchants who so generously gave sugar and materials for candy and the Dutch Oven Bakery for their donation of rolls and for roasting the meats.

NEW POOL PARLOR AND ATHLETIC HEADQUARTERS WILL OPEN HERE

Joe Walsh, popular young man of Menlo Park is about to embark in the business life of the city and is preparing to open a pool parlor in the store on the Highwaynext to the News Agency.

Joe is a prominent member of the local Parlor of Native Sons and is well known both in fraternal and athletic circles on the peninsula. In addition to his pool parlor, Walsh will conduct an athletic headquarters.

CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL SLATED FOR SUNDAY

A real championship football game will take place Sunday afternoon at 2:30 when the famous Menlo Tigers and the Morey All Stars lock horns and plow up the Convent School field in an endeavor to see which team is the real champions of the pninsula. Sunday's game will decide who is the best, said Captain Frank Duffy, who is sure of a great victory for the Tigers, while the All Stars are just as certain of winning.

It will be an interesting game and should draw a large crowd.

Attorney Frank Cain and wife were at the Big Game last week.

Sixty-five Southern Pacific trains passed through Menlo Park going to the Big Game. Taking this into consideration Menlo Park will now have to clean up along the railroad tracks.

Fire Department Gets Fine New Equipment

Realizing the necessity of having the best and most modern equipment obtainable for the use of its fine fire department the commission has secured an H. H. Ihhalator and a Burrell Gas Mask for the Menlo Park Fire Department, thus placing the equipment of the local department far above the average.

The H. H. Inhalator, for use in artificial respiration is the most modern and safest device known to science and consists of two tanks of oxygen, one of which is held in reserve, and each tank capable of lasting two hous. A rubber hose and mask, to cover the mouth and nose is connected to the tank and strapped around the patient's head. The patient is then placed face down and artificial respiration applied, breathing the oxygen from the tank. This will undoubtedly be the means of saviing many lives by the local fire men.

The Burrell Gas Mask is olso of the latest design and is not only a protection fro smoke but also against any kind of gas that might be encountered. The tank containing the chemical will last two hours before it has to be removed and replaced by a new one and the mask will work any place where there is oxygen enough to keep a candle burning.

It has only ben a short time since a fine ne wpumping engine was added to the equipment of the department and Menlo Park Fire District can truly be proud of its fire department and the men who are employed as fire fighters.

Chief Whitaker is known from one end of the state to the other as a fire fighter who knows his business and he has demonstrated time and again his value to the Menlo Fire District. Like their chief all of the boys and practically all of them are volunteers are among the best to be found in the state. They deserve the best in equipment and the thanks of the district for their fine work.

E. J. McLOUGHLIN IS NOW WEARING BIG SMILE

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McLoughlin last Tuesday morning at their home on the highway.

So far as is known at this time this is the first child born in the City of Menlo Park, since the incorporation and the happy parents are receiving the congratulations of their many friends. The doctor reports both the mother and babe as going nicely.

SHERIFF GETS LOAD OF TEAR EXPLOSIVES

Sheriff James J. McGrath of San Mateo County received his first consignment of tear bombs and cartridges this week. The sheriff's office until now has never had the tear bombs at the office, having to send for them inan emergency to San Francisco.

Trinity Guild held its annual sale and card game last Thursday.

George Wettach, manager of the Shell Gas Company supply station at Redwood City bought one of the Slinger houses in Stanford Park annex. Mrs. Zoe Wettach is a music teacher at the Castilleja School in Palo Alto.

Thanksgiving services were held in Trinity Episcopal Church, Menlo Park, Rev. Ralph Smith preiching. Stanford Surplice Choir rendered the music. The Surplice choir can be heard every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Native Sons Hold Big Meeting Lasi Night

Under the able leadership and direction of President Phil Blanchard, Menlo Parlor No. 185, Native Sons of the Golden West held one of the most successful meetings in her history.

A class of candidates were waiting to be initiated into the Parlor and a Grand officers were present to see how Menlo Park's sons exemplified the impressive iniatory ceremonies of the order.

At the conclusion of the initiatory work Grand Trustee Gonzales highly complimented President Blanchard and his officers on the efficient manner in which the put on the work. Gongales gave a very interesting talk on the work being carried on by the order and spoke very encouragingly of the work the local Parlor was doing and the results accomplished.

The business session was followed by a Ravioli dinner and a general good time was enjoyed by the local Natives and their many guests from various Parlors on the Peninsula.

A drive is being put on by Menlo Parlor for new members and all native born Californians over the age of eighteen years are urged to make application for membership at once.

NEW GRAND JURY WAS SELECTED LAST MONDAY

San Mateo county's new grand jury was empaneled by Superior Judge Geo. H. Buck Monday morning. Horace Amphlett, San Mateo newspaper man, was named foreman of the inquisitorial body which is composed of eleven men an d eight women. The grand jury after being instructed by the court met and elected Mrs. Josie Reardon of Burlingame secretary and selectd C. E. Platt as accountant to mak the annual audit of the county books.

The new grand jury is composed of the following citizens: Horace W. Amphlett, foreman, San Mateo; Josie H. Reardon, secretary, Burlingame; Milton J.Ward, Burlingame; H. B. Woodward, Redwood City; John J. Hintz, San Mateo; W. W. Braun, South San Francisco; Bertha Lam, Redwood City; Mary E. Winter, Redwood City; Minnie T. Ross, Half Moon Bay; Del Edling, San Carlos; Ethel M. Davidson, South San Francisco; Mary I. Roy, San Bruno; Rose A. Sweeney, Daly City; William H. Diehl, Burlingame; George W. Edwards, San Bruno; W. J. Dessin, Burlingame; E. J. Graziani, Colma; Jas. H. Blessing, San Mateo, and Frank G. Williamson, Pescadero.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTESO FINTEREST

,Mrs. Glunz will entertain the Ladies' Missionary Society next Thursday afternoon at her home. Mrs. Lee of Berkeley will be one of the leaders of the discussion. The subject for the afternoon will be "Persia."

Mr. Bone will use as sermon subjects next Sunday the following: Morning, "Seed Time and Harvest" and evening "The Light of the World."

At a meeting of the teachers of the Sunday School last week plans were begun for the Christmas program. It was decided to give a Christmas play, "The Christmas Pilgrim."

Mrs. Lawrence Cook gave a birthday party on Saturday evening for her youngest son. The regulation cake was in evidence with two candles.

Information at this time shows that real estate in this vicinity is beginning to show an upward trend.

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A CASE WHERE YOU LOSE IF YOU WIN

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(This is one of a series of articles exposing the wiles of sharpers who are after your money.)

EVERY person who takes part in one of the many fake real estate raffles that are going on wins because there are no losers, regardless of the numbers they hold. The numbers, in fact, are only the bait to entice people into the scheme. The raffles are what might be termed "come-on" traps to catch investors. If you have ever tried your luck with a real estate raffle you doubtless felt like giving three cheers when advised that you had won, not knowing that in winning you had taken your first step toward being caught in the trap. You were momentarily overcome with joy over your success which looked to you like the "luck of a lifetime."

W R. MOREHOUSE

Puffed over your good fortune, you hastened out to inspect your newly acquired piece of property. A high-pressure salesman representing the syndicate that was "giving" you the lot walked by your side. After a tiresome trip through an undesirable district the salesman pointed out your new real estate holdings,—a narrow, shallow lot, unimproved, uneven, and with no conveniences such as water, sewer, gas and electricity. Not even graded streets or sidewalks. Not worth its taxes!

Before you were fully awake to the fact that you had been tricked your attention was directed away from the unattractive landscape before you to another picture. You were shown another lot, ideal in its location with all modern conveniences soon to be installed, and told that if the lot you drew in the raffle was not entirely satisfactory you would be allowed a credit of $250 for it on one of the more desirable lots being sold "to a few selected people as a special inducement and for a short time only," at the bed-rock price of $950. You were urged to take advantage of your further good fortune at being thus selected and to seize the chance to buy one of these specially priced lots.

"I've won a building lot."

"Think of it!" exclaimed the high-pressure salesman. "It will take only $700 cash as we are willing to allow you a credit of $250."

Where You Begin to Lose

Perhaps, as you stood there, you began to suspect that other "winners" had come to view the same lot you had won. If you reached the conclusion that it was being repeatedly used as "bait" you were right. You realized that after all there is nothing free about so-called free things. But others, unfortunately less suspicious than you, would be impressed by the glowing statements of the high-pressure salesman as to the value of the $950 lot and his assurance that it must double and treble in value, and would pay over the additional $700—to secure lots worth less than half the price they paid for them! The few who would insist on receiving title to the lot won in the fake raffle would soon be silenced by the statement that it would be delivered to them upon payment of certain expenses in connection with the transfer, which, however, would exceed the actual value of the prize lot.

There is nothing to be gained in participating in fake real estate raffles. There are plenty of legitimate sales. Raffles usually are only bait used to trap you. Of course, you win, but in winning you lose if you go through with it. Before drawing your money out of your savings account to go into a real estate scheme consult your banker or a Better Business Bureau to find out whether it is a bona fide plan. Spend time to save money!

Two Things to Remember

Westinghouse

Stamped on any lamp is a guarantee of quality.

MAZDA

Stamped on any lamp is a guarantee of service.

WE SELL

Westinghouse MAZDA Lamps

Golden State
News of Interest to All

Students in the animal science department of the University of California will be ensconsed in their new building at Davis by August, 1928, according to plans announced. Bids on the building, which is to cost approximately $300,000, were called for, to be opened November 25. Funds for the building were appropriated last winter by the legislature.

Motorists of California will pay a larger total gas tax than those of any State in the Union, according to government reports of the consumption for the first six months of 1927. These show that a total of $101,250,841 was collected for the first half year the country over. Of this total California stood first with $9,055,934, or approximately 9 per cent of the total.

New building operations at the University of California at Berkeley, involving an expenditure of about $1,850,000, will begin as soon as plans just ordered by the University regents can be drawn by the architects, it was announced last week from the office of President W. W. Campbell. The proposed construction will be the first step in providing the new buildings made possible by last year's $6,000,000 State bond issue.

A marked reduction in California fire losses this year, and especially in damage to timberlands, was reported by Fred G. Stevenot, State Director of natural resources. Total losses during the recent season of fire hazard, Stevenot declared, were $801,892.30 as compared with $978,424,462 last year. The damage to timberlands, he showed, amounted to only $19,275 against timber losses of $146,453 during the 1926 season.

Seventeen California counties fail to enforce the red-light abatement law, according to a year's survey completed by Edward E. Grant, an attorney retained by the State Law Enforcement League, and communicated last week to James A. Johnston, chairman of the State Crime Commission. Sacramento leads the cities in volume of vice, Grant says, and Vallejo leads in "brazenness." The counties marked in red in an accompanying chart are: San Francisco, Siskiyou, Humboldt, Shasta, Lassen, Plumas, Nevada, Colusa, Sonoma, Solano, Sacramento, Amador, Tuolumne, Fresno, Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Kern.

"Send us California flowers please. And, we shall send you Turki flowers —." This unusual request has come to this State from a University in Tashkent, which is in Turkestan, an out-lying province of Soviet Russia on the border of the Himalayas. The message has been received here at the botanical division of the California Academy of Science, in charge of Miss Alice Eastwood. Already the exchange of flowers has taken place between California and Turkestan, at the opposite ends of the earth.

Faced with reports that child labor is on the increase in California, the State Department of Education last week launched an investigation of the situation to determine whether provisions of the compulsory school attendance law are being violated. William John Cooper, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, ordered all city, country and district school superintendents to take up the problem immediately with attendance supervisors.

California holders of Irish bond certificates, for which $450,000 was subscribed in 1920 and which are expected to have a redemption value of more than $100,000, are in danger of forfeiting their claims unless they take prompt steps to seek redemption, according to a statement made last week by Daniel E. Doran, who acted as secretary of the San Francisco district of the Irish bond campaign. "Holders of bond certificates must file their claims with the receivers appointed by the New York courts prior to January 15, 1928, in order that they may receive their share of the $2,800,000 which is available for the payment of bond certificate subscribers," said Doran.

Thirty miles of trees will be planted during the next few months to grow to grace the highways of Los Angeles county, if the plans of the forestry department of the county do not miscarry. Snuggled up against the hills in Altadena are about 300,000 trees that gradually will be transplanted in various parts of the county. An ambitious program of reforestation is to be carried out by Chief Forester Turner and Chief Assistant Forester Stanford. Their plan covers, in addition to wayside planting, a better watershed cover. Besides the Altadena nursery, which has a capacity of 500,000 trees, there are other fields which are running to their capacity of about 80,000 this year.

Automobile License buying time comes right along with Christmas shopping time and motorists are being urged to adorn their cars with the new blue and gold 1928 plates at the same time that they are decorating the Chirstmas tree. The renewal registration period has been advanced to December 15 this year by Frank G. Snook, chief of the State Motor Vehicle Division, to facilitate the tremendous task of issuing new plates to some 1,700,000 California automobile owners in a comparatively brief period.

The State commission to study feasibility of establishing a pension system for State employes held its first meeting at Sacramento last week. W. A. Johnstone, president of the State civil service commission, was elected chairman; J. C. Whitman, secretary of the San Francisco Stock Bond Exchange, vice chairman and Miss Lodmea Shurtleff, secretary.

Carrying the State's building program along another step toward completion, announcement has just been made by George B. McDougall, State architect, that bids will be invited shortly for attendants' buildings at the Mendocino State Hospital and the Pacific Colony. The new units about to be advertised are budget projects of concrete and frame construction. That at the Mendocino hospital is made possible under a $90,000 budget appropriation and that at the southern institution by a $50,000 allotment.

The California Labor Market Bulletin, for October, 1927, issued by Walter G. Mathewson, chief of the division of labor statistics and law enforcement, shows a decrease in factory employment in October, 1927, compared with October, 1926. The bulletin shows that the same 793 industrial establishments in California, which employed 151,649 workers in October, 1926, employed only 144,936 workers in October, 1927, a decrease of 6,713 employes or 4.4 per cent. The total weekly payroll for the same industrial plants was $4,371,345 in October, 1926, and was $4,127,293 in October, 1927, a decrease of $244,052, or 5.6 per cent.

The conflict between automobile advertisements promising a sustained speed of sixty miles an hour and state vehicle laws limiting cars to thirty or thirty-five miles an hour, will be wiped out by super-highways if plans now in the formative stage in this state are carried out. Two such highways are under contemplation in California at present—one from San Francisco to Los Angeles and the other from San Francisco to the state capital, Sacramento.

Help for the blind of the State is forecast in the conference of several department heads announced last week by Earl E. Jensen, director of institutions. As a result of the request of Governor C. C. Young for a State policy of vocational training and education for the blind to be worked out before the next cabinet meeting. An effort will be made to furnish the blind training in a variety of occupations suited to their individual needs.

California supervisors may fix the bonds of county officers at any time should they fail to do so on or before September 1 as provided by law, Attorney General U. S. Webb has notified Leroy McCormick, district attorney of Tulare county. Webb, in the same opinion, also ruled that the supervisors have no authority to set the amount of bonds filed by deputy county officers, that authority being vested with the appointing power.

Ground-breaking ceremonies marked the starting of construction at Santa Ana last week of the $150,000 Orange county plant of the Weber Baking company to be erected on the site at the junction of Placentia avenue and the State highway adjoining the Orange county fair grounds. The plant, a two story brick structure with ornamental front and covering a space of 85x150 feet, will be built by Hamlin & Young of Anaheim.

The annual Pacific slope dairy show concluded a week of exhibitions and contests at Oakland last week. Miss Emma Handy of Marysville, is the champion milk maid of the State after milking 11.8 pounds of milk in three minutes. Miss Ona Leslie of Torrence won second prize and Miss Ruth Stewart of Santa Rosa, third. Santa Rosa won the junior judging contest in products; Fremont High School of Oakland won second prize and Marysville, third. Santa Rosa also won the milk and butter-judging and the high school agricultural judging. Fremont High School won the cheese judging.

The State Athletic Commission since it first began functioning has collected $403,842 in five per cent taxes from fight promoters throughout the State. Of this sum there still is on deposit with the State treasurer $330,922. The latest financial standing of the commission has just been given out by Walter A. Yarwood, secretary. During the present calendar year the commission has collected $110,777, of which $8,857 was taken in during October. October receipts in 1926 totaled $12,083, and in 1923, $13,667. The total tax for the entire year of 1926 was $146,294, and for 1925, $146,769.

The wooden gold dredger at Trinity Center near Redding is being torn to pieces, the field being given up after ten years active operation. Boulders encountered made it unprofitable to dredge any longer, it was stated. The dredger, 156 feet long and 50 feet wide, was the largest wooden gold boat in the world.

During the past year there have been 1,638 accidents at railroad grade crossings in which more than 800 were injured and 143 killed, according to figures gathered by the public safety committee of the California Highway Development Association. The report calls attention to the fact that at the last legislature, State Senator Roy Fellom introduced and secured the passage of a $10,000,000 bond issue for the separation of railroad and highway crossings. This measure will come up next year for ratification by the voters.

The New Stanford
THEATRE
Direction of Harry E. Browne Telephone P. A. 40
AN ARKUSH PENINSULA THEATRE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3—MATINEE and NIGHT
THE ROAD SHOW THAT IS THE TALK OF THE COUNTRY
NOT A MOTION PICTURE! !
The late star of "NO, NO, NANETTE" in a naughty play for nice people.
TAYLOR HOLMES in
"The Great Necker"
The answer to many a modern question.
Seats now on sale at the Box Office
ALL SEATS RESERVED
Los Angeles and San Francisco roared, now it is Palo Alto's turn.
SEAT SALE NOW ON HHURRY, HURRY !

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 5, 6
THREE SCREAMING DAYS—On the level they are funny enough but——in the heavens they're hysterical!
Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton in
"Now We're in the Air"
A SCREAM FROM THE PARAMOUNT STUDIOS
THE FANTASY A CAT CARTOON KINOGRAMS
POSITIVELY NO INCREASE IN PRICES FOR THIS SPECIAL!

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 8, 9
You can learn about loving from a red headed gal!
CLARA BOW in
"Get Your Man"
She does—and how? There's a corking cast in the great story.
BOBBY VERNON in "SHORT SOCKS"—A Christie Comedy
TOPICS OF THE DAY AESOP'S FABLES
AND STILL AT REGULAR PRICES! !

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10—POSITIVELY ONE DAY ONLY
Love scenes such as you'll never see again. The romance of a king's sweetheart and her impoverished young lover. Filmed amid the luxury and intrigue of the most reckless court in history.
Dorothy Gish and Antonio Moreno in
"Madam Pompadour"
——ALSO——
Four Big Acts of VAUDEVILLE

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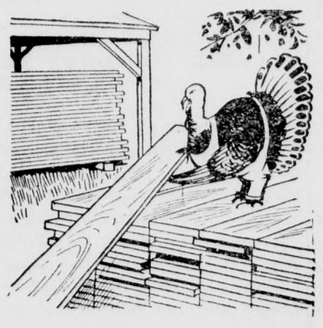

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Victor Dupoat Has Very Narrow Escape

Victor Dupont, proprietor of the Menlo Exchange had a narrow escape from death on Thanksgiving day, when the water heater used to the barber shop blew up and partially wrecked the shop.

It appears that Dupont like all most all men had delayed the operation of removing his whiskers and and on Thursday morning decided that the best way to start a day of Thanks giving would be to remove the stubble on his chin, so he proceeded to the Menlo Exchange Barber Shop and lighted the gas under the water heater, after which he got out his trusty razor and worked up a good cutting edge on it. By that time the water was hot and he proceeded to operate on his fact, taking a position almost directly over the water heater and before the mirror.

About the time Duport began to scrape the spinach off his throat an other gentleman wrapped on the door and asked to be shaved. Dupont left this position and went to the door and just after admitting the patron to heater blew up with a lour report. One piece of the gas burner struck Dupont in the back, badly bruising him, another piece hit him in the ear , likewise damaging him i n that portion of his anatomy.

The shelf over the heater was split down the middle and the tools on it scattered around the room. A towel that Dupont had been about to use but had not unfolded flew up toward the ceiling and hung on a nail, and the place was otherwise wrecked.

Dupont is today alive and well and while he probably does not know it is one of the luckyest men in this part of the state. He surely has something to be THANKFUL FOR.

SEQUOIA GIRLS' SOCIETY TO HOLD BAZAAR DEC. 9 AND 10

The Sequoia Girls' Society of Sequoia Union High School are giving a Christmas Bazaar, December 9th and 10th at high school, the proceeds of which will go for charity work.

After an entertainment in the Sequoia Auditorium Friday evning, December 9th the patrons will go to the main building where the bazaar will be held. There will be sevral different booths including booths for cake, candy, German cookies and fortune telling. Two novelty booths are being planned to wrap gifts, either purchased at the bazaar or other gifts which the owner desires wapped attractively for Christmas; the other, a book booth, where some books may be purchased and advice given on good books for gifts, their cost and where they may be purchased.

All articles offered for sale are being made by the girls of the Sequoia Union High School in the art and sewing departments.

STUDY CLUB MEET IS POSTPONED TO DEC. 12

The meeting of the Menlo Park Study Club which was scheduled to take place this week has been postponed until December 12th and will be held at the home of Mrs. Fannie I. Kurtz on Fremont avenue, with Mrs. Kurtz and Miss S. Ely acting as hostesses.

Mrs. Max Elftman of San Mateo, who is Treasurer of the County Federation will be present at this meeting to assist the members of the local club in any manner needed.

Following the business meeting refreshments will be served. All members of the club are urged to be present on this occasion.

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The regular meeting of the Woodside Parent Teacher Association will be held in the Woodside school on Thursday, December 8th.

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Mrs. Smith, who has rented the Quayle house on University avenue, has three children going to the new school: Jean, 6 years; Bruce, 8years and Allan, 9 years old.

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MAKING FARM RECORDS TALK

By D. H. OTIS
Agricultural Director,
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Any one who has driven an automobile in a new country knows the value of a good road map. Farm accounts, properly kept, are a reliable road map to aid the farmer in directing the business management of his farm.

D. H. Otis.

In farming communities where records have been kept in considerable number it is not uncommon to find differences in net income of $1,000 per farm between the average and the poorer farms of the community. It is also frequently found that there is a difference of over $1,000 between the average farm and a few of the better farms of the community. These differences of from $1,000 to $2,000 per farm in the net income are of vital concern to any farm in any community.

Where to Get the Facts

Farm records and inventories will reveal the reasons for these differences. The various colleges of agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture have a collection of records and farm management surveys from which they find it possible to construct standards or guides showing actual attainments under good systems of management. Figures of this kind are available to county agents and farmers who desire to use them. It is also possible to organize farm accounting groups in a community and with the help of the College of Agriculture to develop community standards showing what the average and what the better farms are doing. These standards or examples of what the more successful farms are doing, when handled in such a way as not to divulge the identity of the owners, are a wonderful help in pointing out to the less successful farmers the weak spots in the business management of their farms.

How to Use the Facts

The farmer who keeps a careful record of the factors relating to the business management of his farm is in position to compare his farm with the average and with the best in the volume of business, as number of acres, total investment, number of cows, total receipts and total expenses. He can check on his diversity of income by comparing his income from sale of cows, sale of livestock, livestock products and sales from miscellaneous sources. His quality of business can be studied by comparing such items as income per acre or income per cow, etc.

By such a process the farmer is in position to make his records talk to him and point out the weak and the strong features in his farm operation. There is no tax that we pay today that compares with the tax we pay for our ignorance. This is true on the farm as elsewhere. Farm records, including inventories from which it is easy to form financial statements, will do wonders in reducing the tax of ignorance and placing farm business on a business basis and inspire confidence in the farmer, himself and with all those with whom he deals.

HOW A FARMING COMMUNITY WAS REBUILT AGAIN

Glass factories and coal mines had kept the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker and the banker busy the year round in Point Marion, Pennsylvania. Hired men left the farms followed by the farm owners to get their share of the attractive wages.

Suddenly labor saving machinery was brought in to the old hand method window glass factories. The coal business took a drop and hundreds of people had to find new employment. Savings accounts dwindled. Deposits of the two banks dropped off almost a million dollars.

"Bring in more industries," was being sung at luncheon clubs all over the land, every town seemed to be advertising unlimited water supply, cheap fuel and free factory sites. Competition was keen and the reward doubtful.

The question came, "Why not stimulate the agricultural pursuits of the community which have lain dormant so long." Farm income might be increased and production costs lowered in many instances.

The first move of one of the banks was the purchase of healthy chicks. These were furnished by the bank at wholesale to interested farmers, payment to be made b ynote payable in six months. The bank followed through by aiding in the dissemination of culling and feeding knowledge and by helping to market the cockerels which in most instances paid the initial cost of all the chicks.

When the pumpkins began to turn yellow, plans were laid for a great community exhibit. Besides the poultry display, farm produce exhibit from the surrounding country were entered. Altogether it made an impressive exhibit, bringing home the lesson to Point Marion people that there were great undeveloped opportunities within their own dooryards which they had overlooked.

The annual exhibit will be continued in the future by the bank. A horse show is sponsored, better seed corn and seed potatoes ar emade available to the farmers for planting and the bank will continue to build agriculture in the community as a sound basis on which to work. "It will probably be some time before we shall see larger fruits of our endeavors," the banker says, "but we are looking ahead ten to fifteen years."

THE NEW MENACE

Hitch-hiking its way towards the nation's corncrib, the European corn borer is threatening to destroy crops to the value of billions of dollars and chase skyward the cost of production. If it worms its way into the Wabash and Mississippi Valleys, it can readily float downstream, spread out and become more difficult to control. Proper cooperation of all concerned will, no doubt, enable us to continue to grow corn profitably.—Agricultural Bulletin, American Bankers Association.

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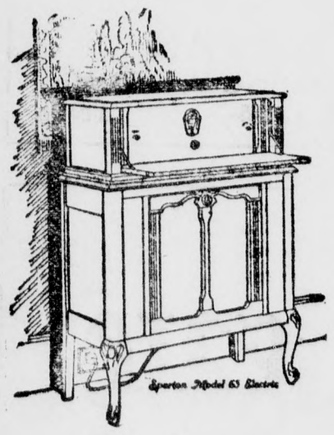

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